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Subject: Park Code
Date: 2016-05-24 15:03
From: "Sarah Simons" <SarahSi@utahcounty.gov>
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Hi Royce,

Thank you for taking a few minutes to speak with me this afternoon. As I mentioned my name is Sarah Simons and I work for the county health department. I also run our county wide anti-tobacco youth group.

As you are aware all the parks in Utah County are smoke-free. However, this code does not include electronic cigarettes. Spanish Fork realized the confusion this displays to those visiting their parks. You can't smoke at the park but vaping is okay? So they decided to change their parks code to include no use of electronic cigarettes in their parks code as well. Our youth group felt their movement in this cause to protect the young people at their parks was a great idea and we have began working with individual cities in our county to do the same. Since we have began this project Lehi, Orem, Alpine, Highland, Payson, Santaquin, Eagle Mountain, Salem and Springville have changed their parks code and we are currently in the process of working with Pleasant Grove, Lindon, Cedar Hills and American Fork.

Would you be willing to join in the movement and change your parks policy to include no use of electronic cigarettes into your parks code? Here is a copy of Spanish Fork's code so you can see the changes they have made:

Go to page 25 and it is under code 7.24.090. All they did was change this particular code to include e-cigarettes.

<http://www.spanishfork.org/dept/admin/pdf/citycode/TITLE7.pdf>

The other cities have taken this code and changed their wording to match what Spanish Fork has written.

Our youth group is willing to help you present this idea to your City Council if you feel it is needed. We have spoken directly with Mayors in other cities and we have worked with the individuals in charge of changing the policy by presenting information at City Council meetings. We are also willing to provide you some new signs that include no use of electronic cigarettes if you do go ahead with the change.

We look forward to working with you on this matter,

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